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Meeting Minutes 02/06/2006

Post Employment Medical Benefits Committee
February 2, 2006

Members in Attendance:

John Bilafer
Kathleen Dias
Ruth Lewis
Nancy Galkowski
Judie Phelps
Kenneth Hughes

John Bilafer called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss funding sources to fund the other post employment benefits obligations. The five possible sources of funding are: Medicare D refund, charge the enterprise funds their share of the costs, the difference between 500,000 and the noncontributory budget, extend the funding schedule of the retirement system and the difference between the two different appropriations would be put into the fund and change the retiree health contribution and that difference to the fund. The committee voted to recommend to Town Meeting the following funding sources: refund of the Medicare D reimbursement and the Town is already transferring the difference in the non-contributory budget and 500,000. Another source voted was that any one-time monies be transferred to fund the unfunded OPEB liability.

There was discussion on phasing in the retiree increase in their health insurance contribution. Also we will check to see what the cost would be for charging the enterprise funds their share of the annual unfunded liability contribution.

There was also discussion about whether the funds should be transferred July 1, 2006 into the OPEB Trust Fund or if it should be transferred July 1, 2007. Nancy and John were going to check on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.